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Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and we wish every-

Tax Preparation: We will be taking names for individuals that are interested in

having their taxes prepared at the Senior Center. Details are not available at this

time and leaving your name does not guarantee that there will be a spot available for you. It will be a first-come, first-served basis. You will receive a call back

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Senior Center Hours:

Monday – Friday 8:00AM until 4:00PM We will also be open for all scheduled activities outside regular hours.

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with details once the schedule is available. You may call or come in and have INSIDE THIS ISSUE: your name and phone number put on the list at the reception desk.

Happy Holidays to Homebound Seniors, by Nicole Hutcheon, Outreach

one a very happy and healthy New Year.



I am happy to announce this year we successfully ran the second annual Christmas Present Project to deliver presents to some seniors in town. This was made possible by the support of the Town of Tewksbury and some very generous donations. We received donations from two women in the Town Clerk's Office who made fleece blankets. In addition, there was a

lot of senior involvement which included making beautiful hats and beautiful handmade cards. The Power of Flowers donated mini bouquets as well.

The presents were delivered on December 21st with the help of several Town Employees. This year the program was able to reach 50 seniors in town. My goal with this project was to help spread holiday cheer and I hope each year that it our readers. expands. If you want to learn more about this initiative please contact me at the Senior Center.

There are contests for More info can be found on page 8!

TRIP AND EVENTS in 2018, Submitted by Diane Dunlevy, Activities Coordinator

Due to popular demand, trips to Villa Roma in New York in the spring, Cape May New Jersey in September and Vermont in October plus the White Mountain Hotel in North Conway, NH in late November are on 2018's schedule! Some suggestions for day trips include a visit to the new wax museum in Boston, a trip to Radio City Music Hall to see the Christmas Spectacular Starring the Radio City Rockettes, and Celtic Woman in April at the Lowell Auditorium to name just a few. You can be sure I will be planning a few new fun surprises as well throughout the year. We will continue to offer in-house events such as the Flower Arranging Workshops led by the Power of Flowers, Traveling Chef Luncheons, guest speakers and so much more.

WHAT'S ON YOUR BUCKET LIST FOR 2018?

Let us know what's on your bucket list? Drop your ideas into the suggestion box located outside the office suite at the Help Desk. It should be easy to find... it's wrapped like a present!

AFTERNOON DANCES - We are fortunate to have **DJ Jon Mansfield** here for daytime dances. Dances are for singles and couples. The next dance will be on Monday, January 22nd.

<u>Please note</u>: Sign-up by Wednesday of the week before and lunch will be included in the \$5 ticket cost. Tickets are also available at the door.



Thank you to **Peregine's Landing of Tewksbury** for providing a delicious lunch for this event each month!



Christmas Cards for the Annual Christmas Present Project were handmade by our Craft Group at the Senior Center. Many thanks to the ladies for donating their time and talents! These cards gave the project a personal and special touch bringing a smile and Christmas cheer to all of those receiving the cards. Each card was crafted with a ribbon at the top so they could be easily placed on the recipients Christmas trees. Many of the items donated for this special project were worked on throughout the entire year to provide ample gifts for the grateful seniors receiving presents. Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this project a success.





SILVERTONES —JOLLY JANUARY DANCE

Singles & couples dance featuring big band music and line dances. **Friday, January 19th,** 7-10 pm, Tickets are \$10/person with coffee & cake served during the break. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Mark your calendar... Silvertones Dances are the third Friday of each month!

The Senior Center Chorus, **The Swinging Seniors**, put on their annual Christmas Concert in the atrium in December. A good time was had by all! After the performance, everyone enjoyed gingerbread cookies and coffee. What a wonderful way to help celebrate the holidays!





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We wish to extend our thanks to Circle Home Health Care for providing us with free blood pressure checks on Mondays. Thank you for providing our seniors with this valuable service.

MEALS ON WHEELS - DRIVERS NEEDED

Volunteer and Stipend Positions Available



Drivers deliver meals to seniors who are homebound. As a delivery driver, you are the direct contact between isolated seniors and the program. In addition to delivering nutritious meals, you have the ability to brighten their day as you may be the only person they see all day.

Volunteers use their own vehicles to pick up meals from the Tewksbury Senior Center. We are looking for individuals that can be available 2-3 times a week or at least one day a week between the hours of 10:00am and 1:00pm. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday. We will be grateful for whatever time you could offer. Training is provided.

Responsibilities & Requirements

- Able to volunteer a 2-3 hour period of time 1-5 times per week.
- Possess a reliable vehicle to pick up and deliver meals.
- A cell phone for route communication would be helpful.
- Possess a valid driver's license, automobile insurance coverage, a clean DMV record as well as demonstrate safe driving skills.
- Ability to read maps, use a GPS and/or have a good sense of direction.
- Complete our application and pass a background check.

Interested applicants or for more information, please contact Shirley Lambert at the Tewksbury Senior Center, 978-640-4480 x300

Join our team of volunteers who are making a difference in the lives of seniors in our community!

Fuel Assistance 2017-2018	FAMILY SIZE	MAX ANNUAL GROSS INCOME
If you need assistance filling out your form	1	\$34,380
please contact Nicole Hutcheon at 978-640-4480 to make an appointment.	2	\$44,958
4400 to make an appointment.	3	\$55,537
NEW Applicants coming in it will be neces-	4	\$66,115
sary for you to bring the following infor-	5	\$76,693
mation/documents: Identification: Driver license or legal photo	6	\$87,272

ID. If unavailable you must provide birth certificate and social security card.

Home Owners: Copy of mortgage if you still are making payments, current tax bill, and a copy of homeowner's insurance.

Renters: Copy of lease and proof of rent payments.

Proof of income: Current social security award letter, pension statement (if applicable), and statement from all other sources of income.

Utilities: Electric bill, gas and/or oil bill and telephone bill.

<u>PREVIOUS Applicants</u> need to bring the following information/documents:

Proof of income: Current social security award letter, pension statement (if applicable), and statement from all other sources of income.

Utilities: Electric bill, gas and/or oil bill and telephone bill.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(Special Events & Schedule Changes See Page 7)

MONDAY

ΑM

9:00 Forever Fit 9:30 Men's Yoga 9:30-11:30- Blood Pressure Clinic provided by Circle Home

Health (Except 4th Monday, 11am-1pm) 10:15 Therapeutic Yoga

PM

11:30-1:30pm Knitting Crocheting Group 12:30 45's 12:40 Bone Builders #2

2:00 Bone Builders #1

3:30 Gentle Yoga

TUESDAY

AM

8:30 Tai Chi 8:45 TOPS Weigh In/ Mtg. 9:30 Wood Carving 9:45 Movin' & Grovin' Exercise

9:45 Movin' & Grovin' Exercise 11:00- 4 Piecemakers for Charity 11:30-12:30 Salad Bar

PM

12:30 ZINGO

1:00 Independent Painting5:00 Muscle & Meditation Workout and Yoga

6-9 Open Sew Night (1st & 3rd wks/month)

WEDNESDAY

AM

8:15 Bone Builders #3
9:00 Arts & Crafts
9:00 Quilting
9:30 In-house Pool Tournament
9:30 Men's Mind & Muscle
10-11Town Nurse Office Hours
10:30 Country Line Dance Class

PM

12:30 Cribbage 12:30 Mah Jong 12:40 Bone Builders #2 2:15 Gentle Chair Yoga

THURSDAY

AM

8:45 Tap Dancing

9:00 Diet Workshop9:30 Wii Bowling League

11:30-12:30 Salad Bar

9:30 Traditional Line Dance

10:30 Body Works

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12:30 Experienced Yoga

12:30 Whist

1:00 Bunka Embroidery

2:00 Bone Builders #1

3:30 Chair Yoga

5:00 Muscle & Meditation Workout and Yoga

FRIDAY

AM

8:30 Walking Club

9:30 Bone Builders #3 11-11:30am Meditation

PM

12:30 International Mah Jong

SHINE a Little Light, Submitted by Patty Sasso



Thank you to everyone who came to see me for a SHINE appointment during Open Enrollment. SHINE counselors help with Medicare all year long and it was a pleasure to meet you all during Medicare's annual Open Enrollment period.

During our conversations, a common question was, "How do I lower my prescription drug costs?". In many cases, Prescription Advantage can be the answer.

Prescription Advantage is a state-sponsored prescription drug assistance program designed for people with or without Medicare, and low-income people living with disabilities in Massachusetts. The assistance is based on income not assets. The Prescription Advantage program supplements prescription drug benefit costs by helping to pay for medications covered by Medicare Part D or creditable coverage plans, during the Donut Hole/Coverage Gap.

In order to qualify for Prescription Advantage, you must have a prescription drug plan, such as Medicare Part D, a Medicare Advantage Plan with drug coverage, or a retiree plan with drug coverage. Prescription Advantage has six income-based categories, each with a different co-payment and out-of-pocket spending limit. For example, if you are single with a yearly income of less than \$36,180, or married with a yearly income of less than \$48,720, you are eligible for this program. If you are over these limits, or are under age 65, you may still qualify for assistance.

Once you are a member of Prescription Advantage, you present your Prescription Advantage card to your pharmacist who keeps it on file. Your pharmacist will calculate the retail cost of your medications so when you hit the Donut Hole, the pharmacist will bill Prescription Advantage, and your copays will be a set amount, based on your membership category. This is one of the reasons it is so important that you choose a Prescription Drug Plan that has all of your medications covered on their formulary, so all of your medications count.

It's easy to apply by phone or email at Prescription Advantage: 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636 Press 2) or www.prescriptionadvantagema.org.

SHINE counselors also have information on other resources that may help with expensive or specialized medications. Call the Senior Center to make an appointment to meet with me and we can review potential options.

A special thank you to the **Executive Office of Elder Affairs** for supporting our newsletter!

SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Please note that the Senior Center will be closed: Mon, January 1st in observance of New Years Day Mon, January 15th, Martin Luther King Day NO Salad Bar the first week of January & resumes on Tues., January 9

Inclement Weather Closings and Delays: All town buildings follow the same closings as the Tewksbury Public Schools. If Tewksbury Public Schools are closed then the Senior Center is closed to the public. If Tewksbury announces a 90 minute delay then the Senior Center will not be open to the public until 9:30am. If we have a delayed opening, please do NOT come to the senior center before 9:30am because the plows need the parking lot empty for snow removal. Keep in mind... even if the center is open never take a risk and go out in poor weather conditions.

In-take for the Upscale Consignment Shoppe will not take place on the first Monday this month due to the holiday. In-take will be held on Tuesday, January 2, from 2-6pm.

SOUP & SALAD BAR

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 11:30am - 12:30pm



(There will be NO Salad Bar the 1st week in January or the week of January 15 due to the holidays; See Pg. 7)

Due to increased cost in the soup prices, we will have a small price increase of .50 cents for the cup of soup beginning January 2018. We will continue to work at keeping the cost as affordable as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

SALAD BAR - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who make the Salad Bar happen every week. There are volunteer opportunities on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call or see Jan in the office.

WHIST—15 Weeks, Submitted by Kay Maher

The winners for our 15 weeks are:

1st Mary Chase

2nd Kay Maher

3rd Paul Johndrow

We play every Thursday at 12:30pm. There is a \$3 entry fee, coffee and dessert are included. Hope to see you there!

COA (SENIOR CENTER) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Tewksbury Council on Aging provides transportation to all locations within Tewksbury and to medical appointments in surrounding towns. Currently, our service area is within a 7.5 mile radius of the Senior Center. We hope to increase our area of coverage as our transportation program grows. We are currently operating two vans Monday-Friday and have two part-time drivers on staff. We will do our best to accommodate all requests and please note that Medical Appointments take priority.

- In-Town Errands and Medical Appointments- \$1 each way
- Friday morning trip to Market Basket at Oakdale Plaza-\$2 round trip (occurs weekly)
- Out-of-Town Medical Appointments Only \$2 each way
- Long-Distance Medical Appointments, such as Boston and Burlington, with the help of our friends at the Dracut COA. We will transport you to and from the Dracut Senior Center, where you will transfer to their long-distance medical bus. Cost varies based on destination. Appointments should be made between 11am-1pm.

Sign up by calling the Senior Center at 978-640-4480, ext. 292 (transportation extension). Leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Make sure to include the following information in your message:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Where you would like to go
- When you would like to go and appointment time if applicable
- Whether you need a one-way ride or if you need a return ride home and at what time that would be
- Any mobility restrictions/devices and if you require use of the wheelchair lift
- And if you will be accompanied by a companion

Please Note: If you are having a procedure that requires sedation or dilation of eyes, etc. where the doctor wants someone to drive you home, and/or stay with you for any period of time, please make sure you have a friend or family member escort you. The van driver is not allowed to leave their vehicle to pick you up at the doctor's office. COA and Road Runner transportation services are "curb to curb". Companions may accompany you for free.

January 2018 Lunch Menu-Served daily at the Senior Center Provided by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HAPPY NEW YEAR	amburge lashed p hef's Veg ears inner Ro	9 Potato Bacon Soup Oven Baked Chicken Rice Pilaf, Carrots Cranberry Sauce Oat Bread, Fresh Fruit	4 Special Honey Garlic Pork w/Sauce White Rice, Broccoli WW Bread Pineapple	edish M ita as ian Brea
American Chop Suey Spinach Dinner Roll Parmesan Cheese Mixed Fruit	Crust less Chicken Pot pie Crarots, Corn, Peas) Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Biscuit Peaches	Veggie Soup Veggie Soup Breaded Fish (Potato Pollock), Tartar Sauce Roasted Potatoes Brussels Sprouts Yogurt, WW Bread	Ribeque w/ Burger Bun Sweet Potatoes Coleslaw Apple Crisp	Turkey w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Carrots & Parsnip Cranberry Sauce WW Dinner Roll Chef's Dessert
15 No Meals Served Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16 LS Hot Dog, Hot Dog Roll Pork Baked Beans Potato Chips Ketchup, Mustard, Relish Mandarin Oranges	17 Beef, Tomato & Black Bean Soup Chicken Fajitas Rice, Summer Squash Sour Cream , Tortilla	18 Birthday Pot Roast w/Gravy Scalloped Potatoes Honey Carrots WW Roll B-day Cake/Angel Food	19 Macaroni & Cheese Crumb Topping (side) Ratatouille Multigrain Bread Pears
22 Nancy's Chicken 2 Drumsticks, Gravy, Onions and Peas, Rice Butternut Squash WW Bread Pineapple	23 Meatloaf w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Beets Oat Bread Fruit Loaf/Grahams	24 Broccoli Soup Vegetable Frittata Roasted Potatoes Baked Apples, Yogurt Juice (no milk) WW Roll	25 Pulled Pork w/BBQ sauce Burger Bun Sweet Potatoes Corn Applesauce	26 Seafood Newburg Pasta Chef's Vegetable Italian Bread Mandarin Oranges
29 Turkey Casserole Rice Pilaf Carrots Multigrain Bread Pudding/Diet Pudding	30 Lasagna w/Meat Sauce Cauliflower Dinner Roll Brownie/Lorna Doones	31 Tomato Soup Breaded Chicken Patty Burger Bun, Honey Mustard Roasted Potatoes Mixed Veggies Fresh Fruit	Lunch available daily @ 11:30am. Sign-up at least two days in advance. \$2.00 voluntary donation requested per meal.	o 11:30am. ys in advance. on requested per meal.

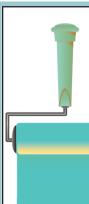


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7	&	9 10:15AM Better Your Bones 10AM Caregivers Support Group	10 10AM Bereavement Support Group	9AM Men's Group	12 12-2:00pm LCR	13
NO Salad Bar This Week	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day SENIOR CENTER CLOSED	16	17 12:30PM COA Board Meeting 7PM Red Hat Event	8:30AM Foot Care Clinic	7PM Silvertones Dance	20
21	22 11:30AM DJ Afternoon dance	23 10AM Brown Bag Distribution	9AM Hearing Clinic	9AM Men's Group	26 11:30AM GAC Christmas Party	27
28	29 10AM MS Support Group	30	31			





JANUARY WORD SEARCH

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Prizes for Our Readers

Find a mistake in this newsletter and you could win a prize! Enter your name and the mistake you found into the container at the help desk by January 22nd.

December winner is Kim Nelson

Congrats Kim! The word celebrations in the word search was spelled incorrectly. Great Catch! Thanks for playing.

See Diane in the office for your prize.

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Sudoku

The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

GUESS HOW MANY?

Try counting the number of Les snow and/or snow related pictures sprinkled throughout this month's newsletter. Can you find them all? Guess the correct number and you will be entered to win a prize! Drop entries in the jar at the help desk by January 22nd.

Good Luck!

Winner for December is Barbara Owen!

Well done! 27 Trees See Diane for your prize Thanks for playing!!



Advice from a SNOWFLAKE

Keep your cool

Appreciate small wonders

Let you plans crystallize

Take time to chill

Sparkle!

Celebrate your uniqueness

It's OK to be a little flaky!

DECEMBER TRIVIA WINNER:

Brian Hurley

Well Done! See Diane in the office suite for your prize.

Answers to last month's Sudoku

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Sudoko puzzles; www.puzzles.ca/sudoku.html

Red Hat News, Submitted by Diane Joy



WELCOME 2018!! A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all!

A BIG THANK YOU! to everyone who contributed to the Food Pantry. You made someone's Holiday a bit brighter and happier!

Our Christmas Event was a delightful time! We had a surprise visit from Santa Claus! Congratulations to Table 1, who won the singing contest! The food was excellent (as usual), and the entertainment was great. Thank you to The Village Inn for the delicious food, our wonderful waitresses, our entertainer, Larry Gilbert, and our "secret" Santa.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

January 17, 2018 6:00 pm

Please keep an eye open around the Senior Center for the exact January event. (At the time of this article, I am not sure what will be happening!) But, mark your calendars for that third Wednesday of the month for our Red Hat Events!!

February 21, 2018 6:00 pm

February is the Red Hat Carnation Belles Anniversary month. Please mark your calendars to help celebrate our Anniversary!!!

Please keep an eye on the Board for the upcoming January meeting. (and ALL upcoming meetings)

Please contact the Queen Mother or any Board Member if you know of a Red Hat Sister that may be ill or has undergone surgery. A card can be sent with all of the Red Hat Carnation Belles' best wishes in it!

Golden Age Club News, Submitted by Nancy Zabawa

GAC Monthly Meeting, January 9 - Due to a suggestion to reprise an original by-law, a vote will be held at the next meeting. Please attend if you wish to vote on this issue.

The next LCR will be held on Jan. 12th. Due to inclement weather the GAC Holiday Party was postponed. The new date for this event will be held on Friday, January 26th (weather permitting). Doors open at 11:45am. Thank you to everyone who still dropped off toys to be donated to the Toys for Tots Program. The Tewksbury Fire Department picked up our donation.

Friends of the Elderly, Inc., Submitted by Linda Brabant

The Friends will not be holding a casino day trip during the months of January and February. Casino trips will resume in March. Watch for information in the next newsletter.

It is hoped that everyone who attended the Friends Christmas Dinner and New Year's Eve Celebration had an enjoyable time; and, that everyone enjoyed the holiday season.

The Friends Valentine Dance will be held on Friday, February 23rd from 7:00 to 10:30 PM with dancing to the sounds of the D. B. Orchestra. Tickets may be purchased at the door. At this dance we honor Tewksbury couples who have been married 50 or more years and have not yet been a guest in the past. If you are one of these special couples or know of such a couple, please contact Kay Maher at the Senior Center or Linda Brabant at 978-851-4243. We would love to have you as our guest for the evening.

The winners of the Christmas Drawing were:

Lottery Tickets: Dorothy Dias Train Afghan: Mary Kuchler

Half Gallon of Spirits: Ginny Desmond

Quilted Christmas Wall Hanger: Mary Kuchler

Porcelain Doll: Ginny Desmond Christmas Serving Sets: Midge Wilson

Snowman Wall Hanger: Guest

Many thanks are extended to those who donated for this drawing: Barbara Daley, Bob & Cynthia Trudeau and Maria Gondola. The quilted items were made by Gerri Clements and left to us when she passed. A hearty "thank you" is also extended to Claudia Russo and Ginny Desmond for their donations for the door prizes; and, to all those who helped with the favors and with set-up and clean-up of the hall. WISHING YOU GOOD HEALTH AND

PERSONAL WEALTH IN 2018! GOD BLESS AMERICA

Start off 2018 learning how to "Better Your Bones". Join Registered Dietitian, Leigh Hartwell on Tuesday, January 9th at 10:15am. Important topics on bone health will be discussed with time for questions and answers. Topics to be covered:



Dairy and Dairy Alternatives Vitamin/Mineral Recommendations Exercises for Bone Health Osteoporosis

Thank you to Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley for sponsoring this important workshop.



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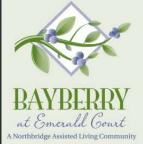
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